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## State of the States

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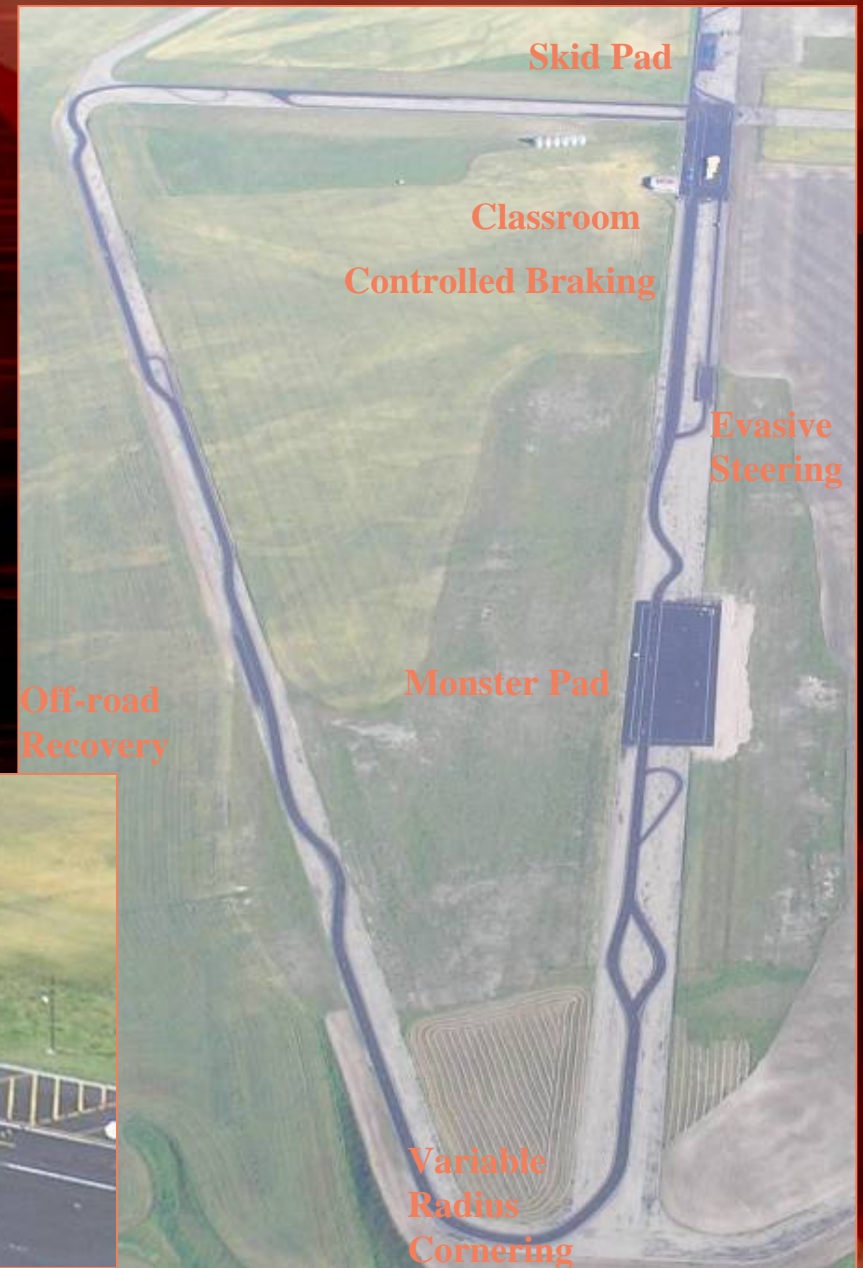


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# State of the States; a Summary of Events since 2003

- Manhattan Christian Driver Education Crash - Jan 03
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Investigation - Jan 03
- NTSB Forum on Driver Education - Oct 03
- NTSB Report on Driver Education - Jun 05
- Northwest Summit of ASSSDE - Sep 05







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- ASSSDE becomes DETA Jan 07
- DETA Begins Webinar Series Jun 07
- NHTSA
  - National Guidelines Rulemaking Jan 2007
  - Initiates plans for National Conference in 2009
- Transportation Research Board organizes sub-committee on young drivers 07





# State of the States; a Summary of Events since 2003

- Vehicle instrumentation studies come of age (DriveCam)
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (State Farm grant)
- Jean Shope UMTRI begins center on young drivers 08
- Western Transportation Institute Human Factors focus & high end simulators 08





# Driver Ed's Future

- Training, not Education
- Linked to GDL licensing process
- Stronger links to licensing means stronger future for driver education & training (CDTP)
- Provider of parent training and resources to supervise teen drivers







# What Do We Know About Parents?

- Parental influence is significant to their teen
- Parents becoming more involved in teen driving improves compliance with GDL (Checkpoints)
- Experts recommend helping parents to become even more involved with teen's driving





# Clarifying Parent Roles

- Understand that education and training without significant practice does not a safe driver create
- Supervisor of practice, not teacher
- Provide safe environment for practice
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Persuasively Conveyed





# Parents and Driver Education and Training

- Historically parents have relied on Driver Ed
- Problem: Driver Education Alone is not Sufficient
  - Why?
  - Safe driving requires knowledge and skill
  - Skill sets require time and **correct** practice/experience





# Unify So Strengths Overcome Weaknesses

- GDL – Positive
    - Lower Crashes
  - GDL Negative
    - Needs Consistent Enforce
    - Needs Good Adjudication
    - Laws miss the best
    - Needs Quality Supervision
  - Parent – Positive, if equipped has power to
    - Enforce
    - Adjudicate
    - Adhere to best practice
    - Provide quality supervision
  - Parent – Negative, often
    - Uninformed
    - Ill Equipped
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- A diagram illustrating the relationship between different categories. A large red circle encloses the "GDL Negative" and "Parent – Positive" items. A blue circle encloses the "Parent – Negative" item. Red arrows point from the "GDL Negative" list to the "Parent – Positive" list, and from the "Parent – Positive" list to the "Parent – Negative" list.







# How Do We Connect and Equip Parents?

- Driver Education and Training
  - Personnel
  - Educational expertise
  - Program network
  - Opportunity
  - Parental willingness to participate





# Possible United Model For Licensing

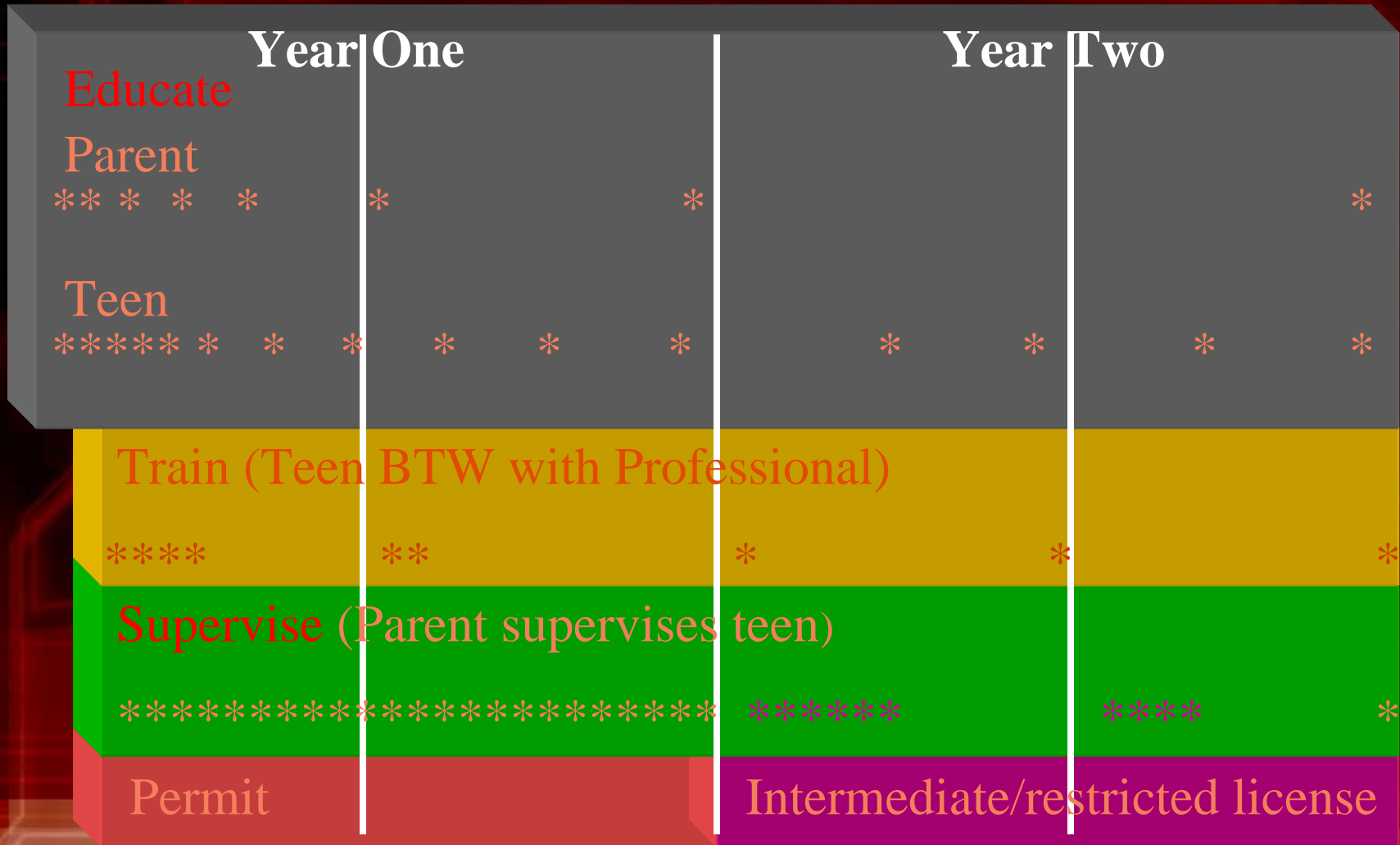


- Training
  - Education
  - Parent/Guarding Supervision
  - Graduated Driver License
- = Graduated Trainuvision
- Phased Parent/teen education-train-practice-supervise-permit-license process





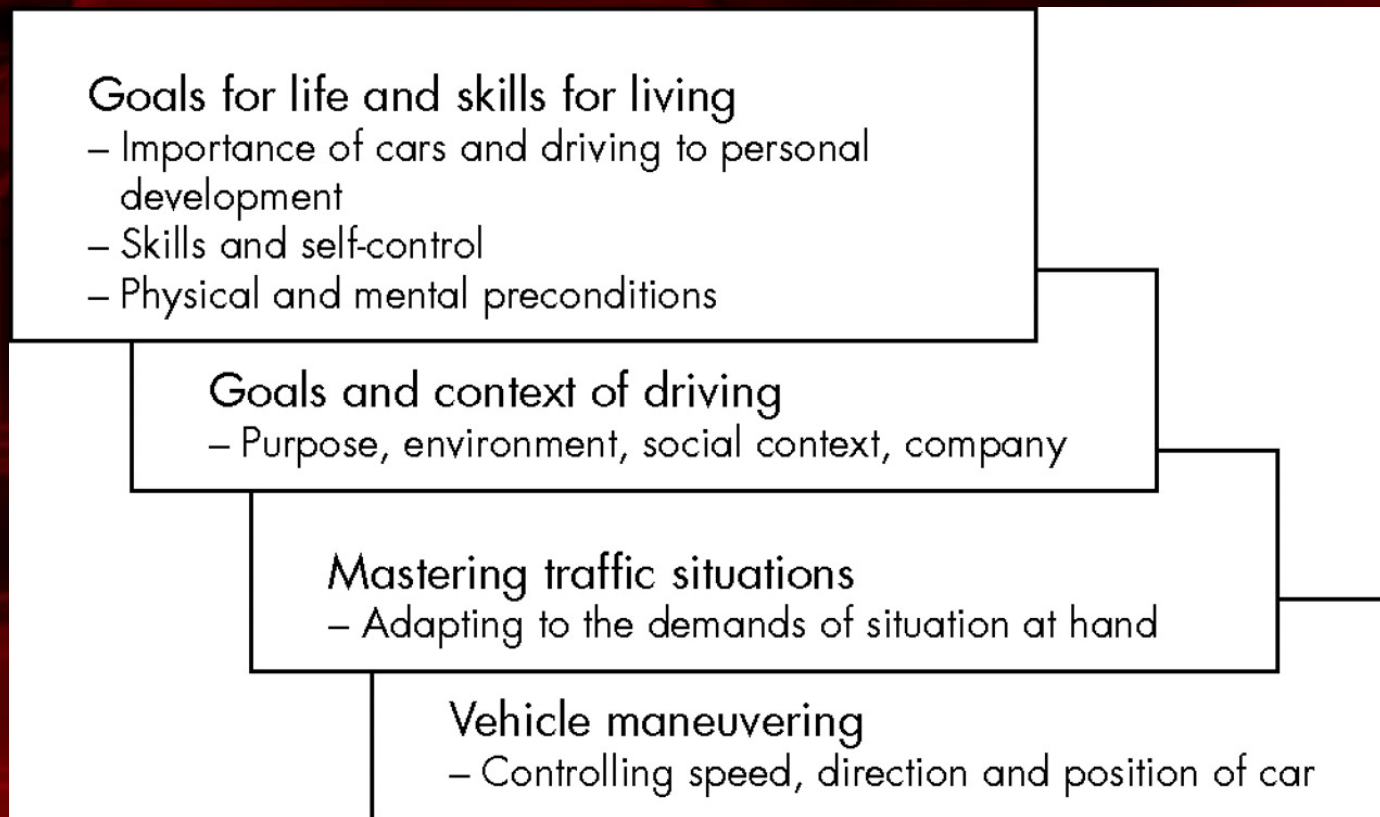
# Graduated Trainuvision Model







## Figure 1 Hierarchical levels of driver behavior (adapted from Keskinen8).



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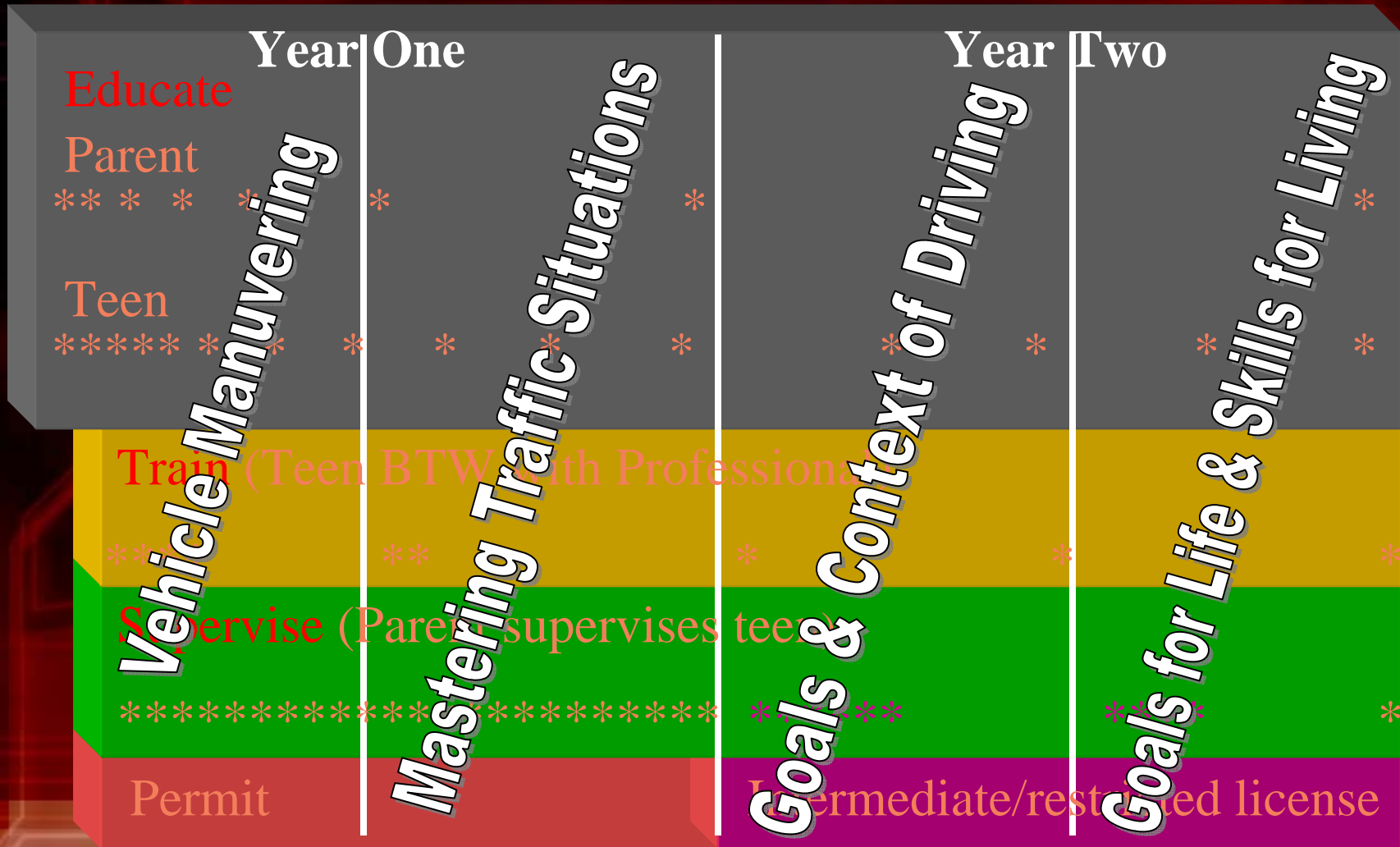
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# Graduated Trainuvision Model





# Comprehensive Highway Safety Plans

- Admit that Driver Ed has a role with Young Driver
  - Likely an artifact of the NTSB Recommendations
- Many publications now include mention of driver education

## Montana's CHSP

- Young Driver Committee – D Huff Chair
  - K-12 Traffic Education
    - BPE Resolution
    - K-8 Activity Book







# Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan

- Accessible Affordable Driver Ed for all Montana Students
  - Native American initiatives
  - Increased funding for schools
- Law Enforcement Guide for GDL
- Primary Seat Belt Law
  - Coalition of groups now working
  - My role is to provide information to traffic education community





# Montana's Next Step with Parents

- Keep Encouraging Young-Driver Safety
  - K.E.Y.S. Project – a variation on Checkpoints
- Involve Parents in Homework in Driver Ed
  - At 3 or 4 significant places
  - Help parents understand the challenge
  - Inform about GDL
  - Supervision and enforcement tools
  - Tool to assess their teen's readiness to drive with tailored recommendations for practice





# Montana's Most Urgent Challenges

- Declining Student Enrollment
  - Accessibility
  - Fees
- Qualified Teachers - Capacity
  - Licensing Strategies
  - Native American Strategies
  - Other?? Exploring
  - Please encourage young teachers to become qualified sooner than later - mentor







# Montana's Most Urgent Challenges

- Funding – Teacher pay – Student Fees
- Home School inclusion
- Retention & Improvement of Standards
- Continued movement from education to training model



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